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SUBJECT: 63RD UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE
AND REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS

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¶1. (U) This is Embassy Damascus' response to the action requests from reftel in regards to attendance of SARG delegation to 63rd UNGA meetings.

¶2. (U) The Head of State Bashar Al Asad does not plan to attend at this time.

¶3. (U) Head Of Government PM Otri does not plan to attend.

¶4. (U) FM Muallim is planning to head the Syrian delegation.

Name: Walid Muallim, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Syrian Arab Republic

Arrival and departure dates: We do not have travel information at this time.

Attendance of Spouse: We do not have this information at this time.

Interpretation Requirements: Muallim speaks fluent English.

¶5. (U) Attendance of other VIPs:

Faysal Miqdad, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Syrian Arab Republic

Ahmad Farouk, Vice Foreign Minister, Syrian Arab Republic

Bushra Kanafani, Director of the Foreign Media Department, Syrian Arab Republic

Bassam Sabbagh, Director of the Private Office, Syrian Arab Republic

Hussam Edin Aala, Chief of Cabinet of the Vice Foreign Ministry, Syrian Arab Republic

Hisham Al Kady, Office of the Foreign Minister, Syrian Arab Republic

Arrival and departure dates: We do not have travel information at this time for any of the accompanying VIPs.

Attendance of Spouses: We do not have this information at this time.

Interpretation Requirements: Arabic language interpretation can be provided. We do not know if Arabic language interpretation will be required in bilateral or multilateral meetings.

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